

**UNEMPLOYMENT
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CY 2005 Statistical Highlights for Michigan's Unemployment Benefit Program

Michigan's unemployment insurance (UI) program issues jobless benefits to workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own. The benefits are intended to help these workers with a source of temporary income while they seek new employment or await recall to their jobs.

The Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) administers Michigan's UI program. UIA issues both state and federal jobless benefits and collects Michigan unemployment taxes from employers, which are used to fund unemployment benefit payments.

Statistics for Michigan's unemployment benefit program

<u>Regular State Benefits</u>	<u>CY 2005</u>	<u>CY 2004</u>
Total weeks claimed.....	7,279,399	7,563,949
Total weeks compensated.....	6,449,375	6,714,295
New initial claims filed.....	544,337	562,146
Total benefits paid.....	\$1,827,284,364	\$1,895,894,145
Total checks issued.....	3,356,606	3,416,913
Number of first payments*.....	449,917	461,928
Average full check amount.....	\$290.13	\$289.57
Exhaustions.....	150,889	165,081

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Ave. duration of unemployment claim. **14.3 weeks** 14.5 weeks

Total includes interstate and intrastate, full and partial first payments, but excludes federal benefit programs for federal employees and military personnel.

	<u>CY 2005</u>
Relationship between average weekly state benefit claims and total unemployment	
Claims for regular state jobless benefits (<i>monthly average</i>).....	140,000
Total unemployment (<i>monthly average</i>).....	348,000
Percent of total unemployed claiming benefits.....	40.2%

Monetary determinations for state unemployment claims

Number issued.....	565,073
Number allowed (96.6%).....	545,634
Claimants eligible for both maximum benefits and duration.....	247,651
Claimants who qualified for maximum weekly benefit.....	267,622
Claimants who actually received maximum number of weeks.....	99,121

Nonmonetary determinations for state unemployment claims

Number issued.....	316,704
Number denied.....	173,338

54.7% of nonmonetary determinations were denials.

Major nonmonetary reasons for denying state unemployment claims

Voluntarily leaving the job (20.5%).....	35,545
Failing to meet reporting requirements (42.4%).....	73,471
Discharge for misconduct (15.2%).....	26,380

Fact Sheet

Claimant demographics (monthly averages based on a sampling of state benefit claims)

Sex: Males: **61.8%** Females: **38.2%**

Ethnic: Hispanic/Latino: **3.8%** Not Hispanic/Latino: **75.9%** INA*: **20.4%**

Race: White: **60.3%** African American: **14.4%** Asian: **0.9%**

American Indian/
Alaskan Native: **0.9%** Native Hawaiian/Pacific
Islander: **0.1%** INA: **23.5%**

Age: Under 22: **3.6%** 22-24: **6.4%** 25-34: **25.2%**
35-44: **26.9%** 45-54: **24.7%** 55-59: **7.3%**
60-64: **3.8%** 65+: **2.2%**

Industries:

Agriculture/forestry/fishing: -- **0.7%**; Mining: -- **0.4%**; Utilities: -- **0.1%**; Construction: -- **15.0%**; Manufacturing: -- **22.9%**; Wholesale trade: -- **3.1%**; Retail trade: -- **7.2%**; Transportation/warehouse: -- **2.6%**; Information: -- **1.0%**; Finance & insurance: -- **2.0%**; Real estate: -- **1.2%**; Professional/scientific/technical services: -- **4.3%**; Management of company/enterprise: -- **0.6%**; Administration & support/waste mgmt/remediation svc: -- **10.2%**; Education svc: -- **2.2%**; Health care & social assistance: -- **5.3%**; Arts, entertainment & recreation: -- **2.1%**; Accommodation & food svc: -- **4.4%**; Other svc: -- **2.0%**; Public admin: -- **1.5%**; INA:--**11.3%**.

Occupations:

Management:--**4.5%**; Business & financial ops.:-- **1.6%**; Computer & math:--**0.9%**; Architecture & engineering:--**0.9%**; Life, physical & social sciences:--**0.2%**; Community & social svc:--**0.6%**; Legal:--**0.2%**; Education, training & library:--**1.2%**; Art design, entertainment, sports & media: -- **0.4%**; Health care, practice & technical: -- **0.7%**; Health care support: -- **2.0%**; Protective svc: -- **0.5%**; Food preparation & serving related: -- **2.7%**; Building & grounds cleaning & maintenance: -- **1.9%**; Personal care & svc: -- **0.7%**; Sales & related: -- **5.3%**; Office & administrative support: -- **5.7%**; Farming, fishing & forestry: -- **1.5%**; Construction & extraction: -- **4.4%**; Installation, maintenance & repair: -- **3.5%**; Production: -- **17.8%**; Transportation & material moving:--**4.3%**; Military specific -- **0.5%**; INA: -- **38.1%**.

*INA – Information not available

Customer Relations Hotline calls	
Telephone calls handled by claimant hotline.....	558,255
Michigan Advocacy Program	
Claimant cases opened.....	7,355
Claimant cases closed.....	6,487
Prompt customer service	
First payments for state unemployment benefits.....	453,211
Payments made within 1-21 days.....	403,109 / 88.9%
Payments made within 1-35 days.....	441,948 / 97.5%
Administrative Law Judge decisions involving unemployment claims.....	
Decisions issued within 1-30 days.....	8,464 / 29.6%
Decisions issued within 1-45 days.....	17,472 / 61%



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